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Please find enclosed a response to the Office Action dated July 17, 2006, of Examiner Lalita M. Hamilton.

Yours sincerely,

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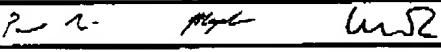
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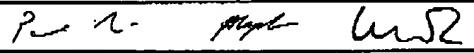
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REPLY

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Dear Sir:

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Office Action, dated July 17, 2006.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The Applicant contests the Examiner's assertion that the present invention is obvious in view of the combination of Landry and Nishiyama.

In the recent Office Action, the Examiner admits that Landry fails to disclose the claim feature of "indicating data indicative of the identity of the form and of a position of the sensing device relative to the form, the indicating data having been generated by the sensing device using at least some of the coded data it sensed when placed in an operative position relative to the form".

The Examiner then asserts that this feature can be found in Nishiyama at column 1, line 55 to column 3, line 30.

Nishiyama is a document concerned with facilitating data entry onto HTML documents displayed on a computer screen. Specifically, Nishiyama seeks to address the problem of different keyword formats being used by different internet browsers (see column 2, lines 18-22 of Nishiyama).

Nishiyama is wholly concerned with keyword entries onto an HTML document via a traditional keyboard/mouse arrangement. The Applicant has been unable to find any teaching in Nishiyama relating to a sensing device which senses coded data on a printed form and uses this sensed coded data to generate 'indicating data' regarding, *inter alia*, the position of the sensing device relative to the form. The Applicant's review of column 1, line 55 to column 3, line 30 of Nishiyama has not found any teaching to this effect.